

The 12 week **Officer Candidate School** (OCS) at Naval Station Newport is designed to give you a working knowledge of the Navy (afloat and ashore), to prepare you to assume the responsibilities of a Naval Officer, and to begin developing you to your fullest potential. OCS is extremely demanding; morally, mentally, and physically. Your personal Honor, Courage, and Commitment will be tested at OCS and you will be challenged to live up to the highest standards of these core values. You must be committed to the goal of earning a commission as an Ensign in the Navy before arriving at Officer Candidate School.

A board of active duty Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) officers convenes in September to select candidates for OCS and follow-on EOD training. The competition for the limited billets available is extremely competitive. Ensure you work with your local **Officer Recruiter** and the EOD Officer Community Manager (OCM) to ensure your package is complete.

There may be instances where you find conflicting information in the below documents. Contact the OCM if conflicting information affects the submission of your application package. As a general rule, trust approved Navy instructions, not web content.

### **Important dates**

#### **September Accessions Board**

- August deadline: Application due to Navy Recruiting Command (NRC).
- September: EOD board selects candidates.
- October: NRC typically releases results. Applicants receive notification from their recruiter.

### **References**

OPNAVINST 1420.1B (Chapter 4)

MILPERSMAN 1210-230

EOD PA 100E December 2009 (available from your recruiter or OCM website).

### **Steps to Complete the Application Process**

1. Contact a Navy Officer Recruiter and let them know that you want to be commissioned through OCS and become an EOD officer (designator 1190). All required documents must be submitted through your recruiter.

#### **2. OCS Application**

3. **PST Test Results Form**: test must be administered by an EOD officer, EOD Chief Petty Officer, SEAL Mentor or commissioned officer.

4. **DD2807**: medical history.

5. **DD2808**: medical exam stamped PQ for diving duty. PQ stamp may be completed following selection, but must be completed prior to training.

6. Letters of Recommendation. It is strongly recommended, although not mandatory, to get an active duty EOD officer interview (contact OCM for more information). LORs and interviews should not solely be character references. These should be used as a tool to highlight your accomplishments, experiences, and leadership. There is not a limit to the number of LOR/interviews you can submit, although quality is far more important than quantity. There is not a required format for LOR. An interview appraisal sheet can be found [here](#).

7. Personal Motivation Statement: Included as a part of your OCS application, discuss why you want to be an EOD officer. Beyond this general guidance, the essay is your chance to highlight your strengths, accomplishments, and experiences that enhance your application. It is recommended that you include athletic endeavors, specifically collegiate sports played and leadership positions held, along with language expertise and cultural experiences. Use an additional page if space on application is not enough, however do not exceed 500 words.

8. Photograph: a color photo of the applicant—full length 4x6—is optional, although strongly encouraged. Attach photo to provided [form](#) and fill out blocks 1, 5, and 6.

9. Official college transcript.

### **Physical Screening Test**

PST Requirements: [MILPERSMAN 1220-100, Exhibit 1](#)

### **Medical Requirements**

[MANMED P-117 Chapter 15](#), Section 105 – eye requirements on page 91.

Direct questions to the EOD Officer Community Manager.